



# PDC NEWS

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## Public Disclosure Commission

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### Rulemaking

The Commission approved proposed amendatory language for:

- WAC 390-05-400 which adjusts for inflation the dollar amounts under Initiative 134 and
- WAC 390-12-010 changing the Commission's regular meeting date from the fourth Tuesday to the fourth Thursday of each month.

The Commission also discussed potential rulemaking for implementation of the new Electioneering Communications Act (ESSB 5034).

### Advisory Matters

The Commission asked PDC staff to draft a recommendation regarding the possibility of assessing interest on extended payments of civil penalties.

The Commission advised PDC staff that, when warranted, settlement stipulations should be negotiated in enforcement cases within the Commission's penalty authority, currently \$1,000 for a single violation and \$2,500 for multiple violations.

A request from the WA Association of Sewer & Water Districts for an interpretation of RCW 42.17.130(3) was tabled until the Attorney General responds to a request from Representative Geoff Simpson (D-47) for an opinion covering the same statute.

### Electronic Filing Waivers

The Commission denied an exception from electronic filing requested by **Jeffrey Keck**, a 2005 candidate for Kent Municipal Court Judge.

### Reporting Modifications

The Commission granted reporting modifications to the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) for the following individuals:

**Andrea Darvas**, Judge, King County Superior Court, who requested an exemption from reporting the address of her personal residence. The Commission denied Darvas's request for an exemption from listing the address of two rental properties.

**Paula Peterson**, a 2005 candidate for Finn Hill Park and Recreation District, who requested an exemption from reporting the business customers of her spouse's architectural firm Suyama, Peterson & Deguchi, of which he is a 25% owner.

**Melinda Travis**, Commissioner, Washington State Lottery Commission, was also granted a renewal of a previous reporting modification with changes to include an exemption from reporting the business customers and out-of-state governmental customers of Itron, Inc., a corporation where her spouse serves as an officer.

The Commission renewed without change the following reporting modifications:

- **Washington State Democratic Central Committee,**
- **Washington State Republican Party, and**
- **Darlene Hartley**, Director, Stanwood-Camano Island School District.

## **Enforcement**

### **Hearings:**

**Catherine Wood**, a fire commissioner in Snohomish County Fire District #216, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 for failing to timely file a statement of personal financial affairs. This was Wood's fourth occasion of not timely filing the report. She was assessed a \$750 penalty with \$250 suspended if there are no further violations for 2 years.

**Pat Davis**, a 2005 candidate for Port of Seattle Commissioner, was fined \$2,500 with \$500 suspended for multiple violations of RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090. The civil penalty was assessed after Davis entered into a stipulation with PDC staff that she filed reports late on multiple occasions. The Commission accepted the stipulation.

The Commission assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 against **Citizens for a Healthy Economy (CHE)** for multiple violations of RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 and RCW 42.17.3691. The civil penalty was assessed after the Commission accepted a stipulated agreement entered into between CHE and PDC staff that CHE filed reports late on multiple occasions and was late in starting electronic filing.

**Angel Kavanaugh**, a 2005 candidate for city council in the City of Hoquiam was found to have violated RCW 42.17.510 by failing to include sponsor identification on a political advertisement and RCW 42.17.120 by concealing her identity when making campaign expenditures resulting in the political advertisement. The Commission assessed a penalty of \$2,500 after finding probable cause that Kavanaugh was the sponsor of a postcard mailer that made derogatory statements about her opponent and that Kavanaugh took steps to conceal her sponsorship and expenditures for the postcard mailer.

### **Requests for Review:**

**Daniel Borg**, a candidate for director of Willapa School District 160, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a statement of personal financial affairs and was assessed a \$100 civil penalty. His request for review was granted and the Commission suspended the \$100 penalty.

**Susan Brownrigg**, a candidate for commissioner of Point Roberts Fire Dist. #5, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a statement of personal financial affairs and was assessed a \$100 civil penalty. Her request for review was granted and the Commission vacated the order from the September hearing.

**Sharonlee Church-Nicholson**, a candidate for commissioner of Vashon Fire & Rescue Dist., was found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a statement of personal financial affairs and was assessed a \$150 civil penalty. Her request for review was granted and the Commission vacated the Order from the September hearing.

**Carol Gilbert**, a candidate for commissioner of the Alderwood Water District, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.040 and 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a candidate registration and a statement of personal financial affairs and was assessed a \$250 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the initial order.

**Larry Hoff**, a candidate for director of Toutle Lake School District 150, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a statement of personal financial affairs and was assessed a \$150 civil penalty. His request for review was granted and the Commission vacated the Order from the September hearing.

**William Lomen**, a candidate for city council in the City of Clarkston, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a statement of personal financial affairs and was assessed a \$150 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the initial order.

**Diana Lopez**, a candidate for director of the Mount Vernon School District, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a statement of personal financial affairs and was assessed a \$150 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the initial order.

**Leslie McRoberts**, a candidate for commissioner of the Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District #10, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.040 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a candidate registration and was assessed a \$100 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the initial order.

**Bruce Richards**, a candidate for director of the Central Kitsap School District, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.040 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a candidate registration and was assessed a \$100 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the initial order.

**Roger K. Smith**, a candidate for director of the Vancouver School District, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.040 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a candidate registration and was assessed a \$150 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the initial order.

**Todd Smith**, a candidate for commissioner of the Lakewood Water District, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.040 and 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a candidate registration and statement of personal financial affairs was assessed a \$300 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the initial order.

**Carrie Sorenson**, a candidate for director of the Cascade School District, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.040 and 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a candidate registration and statement of personal financial affairs was assessed a \$300 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the initial order.

**Roger Trainor**, a candidate for director of the East Valley School District, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.040 and 42.17.240 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a candidate registration and statement of personal financial affairs was assessed a \$200 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the initial order.

**Joseph Vreeburg**, a candidate for director of Tahoma School District, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.040 at a brief enforcement hearing on September 14, 2005 for failing to timely file a candidate registration and was assessed a \$150 civil penalty. His request for review was granted and the Commission vacated the Order from the September hearing.

The Commission meeting materials may be found at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov) under **Commission Meetings** at **Meeting Agendas and Materials**. For additional information concerning these issues contact Lori Anderson, Acting Communications & Training Officer, at (360) 664-2737, toll free 1-877-601-2828 or e-mail at [landerson@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:landerson@pdc.wa.gov).